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## **NEW YORK POTATO STOCKS DOWN**

Potato stocks, held for all purposes on December 1, 2010 by New York growers, dealers, and processors, totaled 2.30 million hundredweight (cwt.), down from the 2.40 million cwt. held a year ago. Storage accounted for 48 percent of the 2010 potato crop, the same as last year.

The 13 major potato States held 232 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2010, down 3 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 66 percent of the 2010 fall storage States' production, three percentage points below December 1, 2009.

Potato disappearance, at 119 million cwt, was 1 percent above December 1, 2009. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 12.5 million cwt, was down 13 percent from the same date in 2009.

Processors in the 9 major states have used 63.5 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 4 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 7.86 million cwt of the total processing, down 28 percent from last year.

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